

Dear Governor Malloy,

I am writing in regards to raised bill 1035.

I am a crime victim. (This is not a title I like, but one that was bestowed upon me.) My child, Lindsay Brashier, was killed in November 1996, in Austin, Texas. Her case has still not been adjudicated, as the 'alleged' criminal fled (while on bail) to Peru, and international extradition is involved. I have been to DC, and also just met again with a US Congressman this past Friday. This case has also been brought to the Congressional floor, and will be again.

Each day is sheer hell. Missing my child is a complete violation of what a parent should feel. My child was an exemplarity student, outstanding in community volunteer projects, and president of the National Honor Society. I could write and write about her assets. She wanted to be an orthopedic surgeon. But, she was killed. Murder is forever. Instead of celebrating the joys of her life, I go to her grave at the cemetery.

I am writing this letter to implore you to keep the death penalty as a viable option for those so deserving of this punishment. When a heinous crime has been committed, there is just no other option. This is certainly not a red or blue issue. It is the law of the land, when an act is committed that warrants the death penalty. These laws go back to the Bible...an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, etc. And please do not compare me to the people that are preaching one way or another. I know that Texas still has it, and I am proud to say, "yes", because it is so needed. To allow a convicted criminal (that has behaved like a wild animal) live, while their prey/our citizens has been violated and murdered, is a crime within itself.

Why should the citizens of a state continually have to pay for the room and board, medical and essentials of a bona fide murderer instead of issuing the death penalty? This is a crime within itself...what a burden to ask your citizens to do!

I personally implore you to keep the death penalty. No parent should ever have to bury their child. Thank you for your time in reading this.

Sincerely,

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